The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

Cut Motion No. 17.

Inadequacy of the means of communication in the Cheruthuruthi Constituency.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Sir, this motion is tabled *to reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,08,200 for Communications by Re. 1—to bring to the notice of the Government the absolute inadequacy of the means of communication in Cheruthuruthi Constituency.* It is more or less covered by my previous cut motions. I submit that this is one of the few places where people are compelled to take paddy on their heads for 3 to 4 miles in very many places. Now that the Government has told me that all these proposals would be placed before the Road Board. I do not propose to move these motions, because I can place my proposals before the Board.

Cut Motion No. 18.

To extend the Attathra Church road to Vadakkancheri-Kunnamkulam road.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Sir, the motion standing in my name is *to reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,08,200 for Communications by Re. 1 to bring to the notice of the Government the necessity of extending Attathra Church Road to Vadakkancheri-Kunnamkulam Road.* This is a very small road which can be taken up this year itself. It is about a furlong in length. I think there are some lands also available which will be given practically free to the Panchayat or to the P. W. D. and it will be a very convenient thing. Otherwise people will have to walk four or five miles in order to reach the main road. I request the Government will be pleased to take it even before the Road Board sitting.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I shall look into that question.

The motion, was by leave, withdrawn.

Cut Motion No. 19.

To construct a trunk road Northwards from Vypeen.

***Mr. L. M. Pylee** *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* Sir, I beg to move *to reduce the allotment of Rs. 4,30,885 for Communication by Re. 1—to urge upon the Government the urgent need to construct a trunk road northwards from Vypeen.*

In view of the statement that matters concerning roads will be referred to the Road Board, I do not want to make a lengthy speech on this question. I only want to express my surprise that that part of the road from Vypeen which is about 20 miles long has not yet

*Speech not corrected by the hon'ble member.

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received that attention of the Government which it ought to have received. Everyone is aware that this area is one of the most thickly populated areas of the State. Again, a large part of the people there are labourers working in the factories and firms in British Cochin and Mattancheri, and so a large number of these labourers by hundreds, early in the morning and late in the night have to go to Cochin and return to their houses. It is a very important place in that respect. Leading from Vypeen there is only a narrow pathway. In some places this is very narrow and I have on another occasion compared this lane to a pipeline. I may also say that there is a saying that it is very difficult to take a corpse along that path. On one side there is the bund and on the other, being a congested area, there are houses and fences. I have shown the place to the Hon'ble Minister. The place is so very narrow that we can hardly take a coffin in the proper manner. It is not a small road that is required. In view of the fact that it is in the vicinity of Mattancheri and the Harbour, a really good road is necessary and by making a good road it will lead to other developments. Many of the hon'ble members know that the people there are extremely poor. If there is a road, that will lead to other developments. There will be rikshaws and some people will be employed as rikshaw-wallas. I do not know why the Road Board has not taken up that section of the work into consideration. If my information is correct there was a proposal some time ago to complete the Vypeen-Pallipuram Road. It is a curious thing that the construction of the road was started from the wrong end. Instead of starting as it ought to have been from Vypeen they started from the other end. I am told that the work was started from the middle. Without any exaggeration, I can say that of all the roads we have been discussing about, excepting perhaps the Chellanam Road, this road is the most important. Sir, it is not a luxury. It is an absolute necessity for the poor people. Without stating anything more on the subject, I beg to commend this motion for the acceptance of the Government.

*Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The Government have been alive to the importance of the Vypeen-Pallipuram Road and they have now allotted a sum of Rs. 31,000 for the partial construction of this road. The reason why the Road Board did not take up this question was that, at that time it was our information that this road work is to be financed by a special Road Board Fund which is to be given to us by the Government of India. That was the impression that the Road Board had at the time, rightly or wrongly. So we did not include that in our Road Board proposals. Some few years ago we started the road construction, as the hon'ble member stated, somewhere from the middle which *prima facie* is a

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wrong thing to do. But the reason why such a thing was done was this. That construction was first started as a famine-relief work in 1106 and 1107 and that was the only place where we got porambokes ready for constructing the road. That is the reason why we took up the work at that portion with the full intention of continuing it later on. After that work was done, we thought we would be receiving some special grant from the Government of India and that did not materialise. That caused all the delay in the construction of the road.

Mr. President: Is not the programme of the Road Board reconsidered from time to time? In the light of the information given that no such contribution will be made, why did the Road Board take up other works and omit this?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Pazhayannur):* It is after we got this information that the Road Board met and we allotted Rs. 31,000. That was the amount available.

Mr. President: The Road Board was given 6·25 lakhs of rupees to be spent in the course of five years. They made the programme in the first year and made proposals for the whole amount. Did you not get information in the beginning of the second year, that this proposal will not materialise ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* The money had already been apportioned.

Mr. President: If the money had already been spent, it is alright. There was a balance of at least 4½ lakhs. There was nothing to prevent the Road Board from stopping other works and constructing this road. There is no use of finding fault with the Government. I think the House also must understand what exactly the functions of the Road Board are.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Pazhayannur):* There is no use of allotting more. This Rs. 31,000 was allotted for acquisition charges and the acquisition is still pending.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. പി. കുഞ്ഞപിള്ള: ഇതിനു വേ ലക്ഷത്തോളം ഉറപ്പിക വേണ്ടിവരുമെന്നാണു് എനിയ്ക്കു തോന്നുന്നതു്.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* This will come to a large amount. If we divert from the other works there will be considerable confusion.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* It will come to about 2 lakhs. To that extent at least the road could have been constructed.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The Government have now allotted Rs. 31,000 for the construction of this road. We are now taking up that work.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* From where are you going to start this work ?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Of course, from Vypeen.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* May I take it that the Road Board can revise its programme.

Mr. President: Yes.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Pazhayannur):* There is no use of placing two or three lakhs. This amount of Rs. 31,000 has not been spent. The lands have not yet been acquired.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* In view of the assurance of the Chief Engineer that the construction of this road will be begun soon I beg leave of the House to withdraw the motion.

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

Cut Motion No. 20

To extend the Vallithara Thodu.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* *To reduce the allotment of Rs. 12,098 for Subordinate Executive Staff by Re. 1. (The crying need for extending the Vallithara Thodu in Kanjiramattam-Amballoor Village, Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk, to the Mulanthuruthi-Keecheri Road at* ഉഴത്താക്കരി *near the Kanjiramattam Market.)*

സർ, മുളന്തുരുത്തിമുതൽ കീച്ചേരിവരെ ഒരു റോഡുണ്ട്. ആ റോഡിന്റെ കിഴക്കുവശത്താണ് കാഞ്ഞിരമിറ്റം മാർക്കറ്റ്. ആ മാർക്കറ്റിലേക്കുള്ള തോടാണ് വല്ലിത്താറ തോട്. പക്ഷെ ആ തോട് അവിടംവരെ എത്തുന്നില്ല. ഇതുകൊണ്ട് ഇപ്പോൾതന്നെ ജനങ്ങൾക്കു വളരെ ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുണ്ട്. ഈ റോഡിന്നിന്ന് ഒരു ഫർലോങ്ങ് അകലെ നില്ക്കുന്ന തോട് റോഡിലേക്കു മുട്ടിക്കണമെന്നാണു ഞാൻ ഗവർമ്മെൻറിനോട് അപേക്ഷിക്കുന്നതു. ഇതിൽ വലിയ ചിലവു വരുമെന്ന് എനിക്കു തോന്നുന്നില്ല. ഈ സംഗതിയിൽ ഒയവായി ഗവർമ്മെൻറിന്റെ ദൃഷ്ടി പതിയണമെന്ന് അപേക്ഷിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപം ഇവിടെ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

Mr. T. P. Poulose *(Kanayannur):* I, second it.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I shall look into the matter.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* In view of that assurance I beg leave of the House to withdraw my motion.

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

The House rose for lunch at 1 P. M. and reassemb'ed at 2-30 P. M. with the Hon'ble Deputy President in the Chair.

Cut Motion No. 21.

To open a Canal from Kolancheri thodu to Mulanthuruthi and a road along the side of the Canal.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Sir, I rise to move *to reduce the allotment of Rs. 73,500 for Irrigation by Re. 1—to discuss the necessity of opening a canal from Kolancheri thodu to Mulanthuruthi and a road along the side of the canal.* If I may make it clear

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